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Magic Mushroom



■ It's a Magic Mushroom... a 7½ lb baby... and Peter Slatz of Galvin Court, Altona (pictured), found it this Easter on his uncle's property at Bright.

The edible mushroom (he's sure it is a mushroom) is 18-inches in diameter and Peter insists that he won't be eating it.

"They're all yellow and slimy inside and they shrivel to nothing when you put a mushie this size in a pot," Peter said.

At first Peter, a teacher's aid at Laverton

Heights Primary School thought it was a rock.

He's still quite matter of fact about it.

"It hasn't turned me on as it has everyone else," he said.

Parking onus on traders

Parking problems for Civic Parade shoppers will have to be solved by the businesses in the area, Altona Council has decided.

The council has said that the problem would best be solved by one of the businesses in the Parade giving up its property.

The best site far any additional parking in the area would be at 51 Civic Parade, the city engineer says.

The house is leased by accountants Andress and Turner, one of the businesses that wrote to the council last month asking for suggestions about solving the parking problem.

The owner of the house also still lives on the property.

Last month six Civic Parade traders wrote to the town hall expressing concern about the growing volume of traffic in the street and the parking difficulties associated with it.

The group asked councillors to consider the matter, indicate its attitude, and offer advice and a possible solution.

The letter was signed by J. Andress, K. Hocking (hairdresser), W. H. Davis (milk bar), L. Disotto (früiterer), R. Smith (Butcher), J. Schultz (grocer).

City engineer Mr. Simmons, reporting to the council's general purposes committee on the traders' request, said the house used by the accountants would provide the best parking area.

"The area of the block is 50 ft. by 130 ft. and a five-roomed house is on the site," he said.

"Assuming the owner is

prepared to sell at a fair market price, and allowing for the resale value of the house and garage, the cost of developing the site for parking would be about \$38,500.

"The area could accommodate 15 cars," Mr. Simmons said. The council is now awaiting an answer from Andress and Turner.

Premier to set stone

Victoria's Premier, Mr. Hamer, will be in Altona on Monday, May 2.

At 2.45 pm, he will set the foundation stone for the Toyota Motor Company, which is building an engine assembly plant at the corner of Doherty's Road and Grieve Parade.

The first stage of the plant is expected to be finished by mid-1978. Altona Council approved the plans for the building last month.

Mr. Eiji Toyoda, the

Weed that makes work



■ It looks like some kind of Martian landscape, but it's Altona beach at The Esplanade, where tons of seaweed was washed up after the Easter Thursday storm. It will take another fortnight for the

smelly mess to be removed, Mr. Ralph Simmons, the city engineer, told the Star. He said the outdoor staff would work solidly taking the weed to the council tip each week day when the tide permitted.

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Altona's golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Matthews, of Queen Street, Altona, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday.

The Matthews, who lived in Newport before moving about 12 years ago, married in the Newport Church of England, Mason Street, on April 16, 1927.

Mr. Matthews, 76, and his wife, Ismay, 75, were feted on Saturday by their four children, June, Victoria, Beverley and Barry, and foster daughter Margaret Bradley.

Their seven grandchildren also took part in the celebrations.

Mr. Matthews, the

founder and president of the Altona Bird Observers' Club, is proud of the part his family played in the development of Newport.

His father, Harry, began the Blenheim Street quarry and much of the stone now ageing with dignity at Spencer Street Station comes from the Newport quarry.

"The family came over here from South Australia in the 1800s—I can't tell you the actual date—when the banks for-

closed on the farmers," Mr. Matthews said. "For a while my father walked from Schutt Street to work at the Sunshine quarries, but then the family opened up its own."

"Talking about me, well, I worked on the railways and then blacksmithed after leaving school before driving horse teams to and from the quarry."

"We later introduced motor trucks on the job, and I drove for the firm from then on."

Mr. Matthews was awarded the "best all-rounder" trophy during his 1922-23 season with the Altona Beach Football Club.

He played with the team between 1920 and 1940.

Over the years he has been president of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, president of ANA Lodge in Newport, and a player with the Newport Bowling Club, of which he is still an active member.

Mrs. Matthews works with the Altona Hospital auxiliary.

"It sounds as if Ismay hasn't done as much as I have—but that just isn't true," Mr. Matthews said.



Victor and Ismay Matthews they've been married 50 years.

"She's been a colossal mother to the kids, she hasn't had the time for much else really. She's been making their clothes all her life—and she's still doing it now, and for the grandchildren."

Youth music.

The talented Camberwell Youth Orchestra will perform for the Williamstown Musicals at St. John's hall in Electra Street, Williamstown, on April 23.

The evening will begin at 8 o'clock, and tickets are available at \$2 and \$1 (pensioners and students), from Fine Music, or by phoning 397 6687 or 398 1837.

The orchestra will be conducted by Harold Badger, and will play pieces by Beethoven, Bizet, Strauss, Copland, Bennett-Brown, Koyama, Macdowell, Schaeffer and Lewis, as well as two traditional Israeli dances.

The group is one of the few of its kind giving young people the chance to perform before the public.

Harold Badger is conductor of the Victorian Concert Orchestra.

Prayers for church unity

A week of prayer for Christian unity will be held in Williamstown from May 19.

Seven mid-week services will be held at churches of all denominations during the week, in addition to the normal Sunday services.

Tentative arrangements for the services are:

• **Thursday, May 19** — St. Mark's Anglican Church, Spotswood.

• **Friday, May 20** — St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Williamstown.

Wheel for Polly

Naval dockyard workers at Williamstown have restored two ships wheels which will occupy prominent positions in the future Polly Woodside Museum.

The wheels are from the vessels Nelson and Protector.

The battleship Nelson was launched in England in 1814 with three decks and 120 guns. The Protector was a steel gunboat built in England in 1884 and ordered by the South Australian Government.

• **Monday, May 23** — Newport Baptist Church.

• **Monday, May 23** — Spotswood Methodist Church.

• **Wednesday, May 25** — St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Williamstown.

• **Thursday, May 26** — Williamstown Church of Christ.

• **Friday, May 27** — Westgate joint Methodist-Presbyterian Church, Newport.

TPI cards popular

Thirty-six members of the Western Suburbs TPI Social Club had an enjoyable afternoon at cards on April 14. Winners: Mrs. K. Miller and Mr. B. Sheedy.

A new member, Mr. T. E. Kelly, of Yarraville, was welcomed.

Mrs. E. Fox won the cake given by Mrs. Johnson, of Ballarat.

Next cards afternoon from 1.30 p.m., April 28, Manchester Unity Hall, Footscray.

Leukemia: how you can help

One of the less-known calls on the Red Cross Blood Bank is for blood used in the treatment of leukaemia.

This is one of the reasons Red Cross is calling for 20,000 more blood donors this year.

The mobile blood bank will be at Williamstown Town Hall, from 1.30 to 7.30 pm on Tuesday, April 26.

A Red Cross spokesman said yesterday, as well as being used as whole blood, blood could be separated into components, such as red cells, platelets and plasma, which were used to treat certain conditions.

Platelets were small cells in the blood and were essential in the control of bleeding.

Many leukaemia patients needed daily transfusions of platelets, the spokesman said.

In addition to attending the mobile blood bank, donors could contact the Central Blood Bank on 63 5661 to arrange donations.

Change at Hoechst



Mr. Christian Koehler (pictured), has been transferred from Hoechst in West Germany, to Australia, to become chief engineer at the Altona manufacturing plant of Hoechst Australia Ltd.

He replaces Mr. Paul Goebel, who returned to Germany, where he is in charge of process-development plastics.

Tracing family history

A talk on "Tracing Family History" will be given by Mrs. V. Vaughan, of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, at next Thursday's (April 28) meeting of Williamstown Historical Society.

The meeting, in the Mechanics' Institute, Electra Street, Williamstown, starts at 8 p.m.

At the society's February meeting Mr. A. Colville showed slides of the United States' first national park, Yellowstone, and another national park, Yosemite.

Mr. Colville completed his talk with scenes from Greenfield Village, USA, an historical village created by the late Henry Ford.

Local historical societies heard a talk on the "Development of the Vintage Car" by guest speaker Mr. D. Vaughan at the regional meeting in Melton in February. Reports were received from societies in Altona, Essendon, Gisborne, Mt. Macedon, Sunshine, Williamstown and Melton.

Footscray and Werribee were not represented.

The next regional meeting is at the CWA Hall, Mount Macedon, on Tuesday, May 10, starting at 8 pm.

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Quota raffle

Mrs. Swan of Williamstown won the Quota Club of Williamstown's Easter raffle.

Her prize was a rug. Second prize of an Easter egg was won by Mr. Andrews of Greensborough.

Altona Amber

Altona rock band, Amber, featuring Harry Adler, Peter Telford and Roy Saunders will play in concert this Saturday night at Footscray Community Arts Centre, 87A Ballarat Road, Footscray. Admission is \$2.

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Ex-Williamstown High boy's controversial book hits at secondary schools in west.

Path to dull docility

Schools in the west develop docile, disciplined adults unlikely to reach university and the top jobs, says Barry Hill.

He doesn't approve, and would like to "do away with" this traditional schooling system.

Barry, 34, philosopher and author, is an ex-Williamstown High School student. He grew up in Challis Street, Newport.

He has written what is bound to be a controversial book called *The Schools*, in which he takes a critical, and sometimes hilarious look at the State secondary school system.

He will autograph copies of the book at Bird's newsagency in Challis Street on Saturday morning.

Barry says his time in the classroom was spent like a dutiful laborer.

"What we read, and wrote (badly) and thought, was not ours, never an extension of us, but lumber put upon our daily lives."

"What we were taught and the way it was taught put a seal upon our passivity."

He says the schools divided the brighter students from the others, even after both had left.

"You certainly couldn't talk to them about life at the local meat works or in the woollen mills, or on the railways, because you knew nothing about what it was like to work in those places."

"If the school's values had any deep effect on us at all it was here; it divided us from so many kids who later comprised most of the local community."

Just the same

Barry went back to the high, and noted that although quite a deal had changed physically, the school was still the same.

Truancy was common, vandalism was rife, and academic results were down the drain.

The sixth-formers, he says, were left "as passive and as inarticulate ... as us".

"What they see more clearly, because the symptoms are more evident, is that the school is cracking up under the strain of trying to fulfil the traditional image of the 'academic' high school," he says.

Barry, who now lives at Queenscliff "learning to write fiction", was the man who began the education page in *"The Age"*.

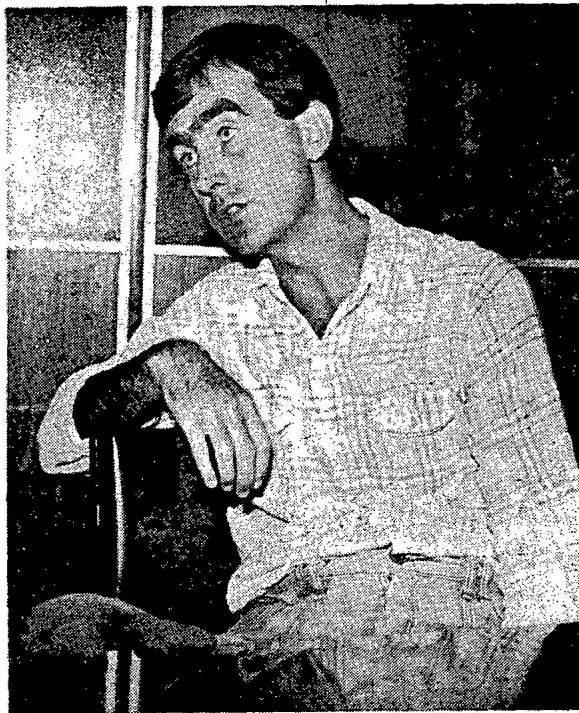
He told the *Star-Advertiser* he believes State secondary schools in the west are handicapped in preparing children for life in the community.

"They are semi-custodial institutions, and there's little respect for the student as an individual."

"Things will have to change — schools cannot go on pretending that a proportion of their students aren't mature teenagers."

"Going on statistics, by 1980 50 per cent. of 17-year-olds will still be at school — they will only be a year from legal maturity ..."

"Students of this age



• Barry Hill ... he'd like to see an end to the traditional schooling system.

should receive a little more respect."

Barry thinks the change will have to come through a more enlightened attitude from teachers.

A more open method of teaching is inevitable, he says.

"Schools will have to forge closer links with

the community, students will have to know what the world outside is like to be able to cope with the constant change in society."

"I believe the three Rs are of fundamental importance in education, but students can only gain a real hold in them when they get more individual attention."

"With variation to the curriculum more individual attention, team teaching and perhaps a tutorial system with small groups, kids could get more out of education."

"They could join the community at large with more confidence, more ability and more ambition."

Transport probe in west

A major probe into transport problems in the Werribee Legislative Assembly electorate has been launched by the Labor candidate for Werribee, Dr. Ken Coghill.

Victorian Labor spokesman on transport, Mr. Barry Jones, has tabled in Parliament a list of questions put by Dr. Coghill.

"We need to discover precise details of the Werribee and Melton lines electrification programme," Dr. Coghill said.

Only vague statements had been made by the Transport Minister, Mr. Rafferty, he said.

Questions being asked by Dr. Coghill included:

• What work will be

carried out in 1977-78 on electrification of the Werribee railway line and what is the estimated cost?

• What work will be done in each succeeding financial year until the electrification is finished and what will be spent in each year?

• What studies have been made on the future transport needs of Melton, Werribee, Deer Park, Laverton and Little River areas?

• What plans have been made for rail, road and other transport modes in these areas and when will they be implemented?

• What effect projected fuel shortages will have on these areas?

What delays have occurred this year in arrivals and departures of trains running between Melbourne and Melton

• Are electric suburban services given priority over the Melbourne-Melton service, leading to frequent delays?

Woolpack blast

From the "Williamstown Advertiser", 8th April, 1970: "The residents of Nelson Place were alarmed about midnight on Tuesday by a loud report, followed by the noise of smashed glass falling on the footpath, which were the effects of a gas explosion in a back parlor of the Woolpack Hotel. The licensee's wife smelt gas and decided to put a light to the chandelier to aid in an investigation of the gas fittings. In no time at all her suspicions that gas was leaking was confirmed. The poor lady was severely burned about the face and hands."

Group visits

Members of Williamstown Historical Society will visit historical Creswick, 11 miles from Ballarat, on Sunday, May 22. Creswick is one of Victoria's lesser-known mining towns. The museum has many paintings by the famous Lindsay family.

Frankston Historical Society will visit Williamstown on Saturday, April 22. Planning Group will visit the city on Sunday, June 21.

Floods: MP's tribute

SIR, — I wish to pay a tribute to the personnel involved with the emergency situation at Altona brought about by the violent storm and freak wind gusts that caused considerable damage in some areas.

The relief operation, directed by Chief-Inspector John Root, operating from the Altona Town Clerk's office and assisted by the town clerk, Mr. Sid Fell, Sergeant Bruce Hindson, personnel from Altona police station and the city ranger, ran very smoothly.

In very adverse conditions, employees from Altona Council; the Footscray Civil Defence team under Cr. Kevin Shorten; and the State Relief Organisation and many volunteers working for many hours in blacked-out areas, with tarpaulins from VicRail and other places, managed to effect temporary relief to many households where part of the roofing had been lost.

While emergency accommodation was subsequently not needed, it was gratifying to see the number of people

who contacted the emergency operations centre, offering such accommodation. They are to be commended also.

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Ex-POW actor at cenotaph

Frank Rich, television entertainer and actor, will give the Anzac address at the Ferguson Street cenotaph in Williamstown on Sunday, April 24.

Mr. Rich, through his long time friendship with Williamstown RSL member Mr. Jack Geoghegan, has been a guest of the club often in the past.

The two men enlisted together at the outbreak

of World War Two, and both served in the 4th Anti-Tank Regiment, 8th Division, where both became gun sergeants.

The division was trapped in Malaya, and the men spent three years as prisoners of war in Changi, the Japanese prison camp.

As prisoners, Frank and Jack joined the concert party which later gained high praise for its part in keeping camp morale high.

Mr. Geoghegan said last week Mr. Rich was admired by everyone at Changi.

"The admiration was not only for his outstanding performances with the concert party, but also for his other qualities — his readiness to help

others, his cheerful optimism when things were grim.

"His sense of humor never failed, and it lightened many a dark moment."

"In the camp there is not pretence — you know a man for what he is. Suffice to say that Frank was, and still is, my best friend," said Mr. Geoghegan.

The Anzac ceremony will begin at 3 pm after a march at 2.30 from the RSL rooms at 128 Ferguson Street.

The Mayor, Cr. Peter Lalor will preside at the ceremony, and will be assisted by Williamstown clergymen.

All ex-servicemen have been invited to attend and take part in the march and service.

Joy wins quest

Altona girl Joy Daly, 12, of Dove Avenue, was named Little Miss Athletics at the Victorian Little Athletics Ball at St. Kilda Town Hall last Friday.

Joy, who goes to Point Gellibrand High School, raised \$950 for little athletics and won her way into the State finals for walking and discus.

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'MFL' on stage at Williamstown

Williamstown Light Opera Company will present Alan Jay Lerner's popular musical, My Fair Lady, next month.

The production will be held at the Williamstown Technical School assembly hall, on May 13, 14, 18 and 21.

Sue Lauricello will take the lead role of Eliza Doolittle in the musical with John Yates as Professor Henry Higgins.

Backing the artists will be a full orchestra directed by Elizabeth Noble.

Local actor Brad Smith is in the director's chair and Carolyn and Susan McCombe are the Choreographers.

Bookings are available on 397 7386 or you can buy tickets at the "3-in-1" shop, Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

Spotswood Anzac Day march

Brigadier R. T. Eldridge O.B.E., Commandant of the SEC Corps of Commissionaires will be guest speaker at the Spotswood / Kingsville R.S.L. Anzac Day service on Sunday.

Six naval ratings from HMAS Derwent will form a guard of honor and the club's honor board will be dedicated after the service. The service will be held at the club in Mary Street after a march starting from the Hope Street railway gates at 9.30 am. The Footscray/Yarraville City Band will lead the march.

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'Guys and Dolls' looks a winner

You can take a punt on "Guys and Dolls," the Broadway musical about gamblers — it's bound to be a winner.

It's one of the most ambitious productions planned by the Altona city theatre, which has brought in a leading American choreographer, and an orchestra for the show.

The show will be on in the Richard McGill Hall, at Altona North High School, on April 28, 29 and 30, and on May 5, 6 and 7.

It is a story based on characters created by Damon Runyon, and features music written by Frank Loesser.

Lead roles are played by Les McDonald (Nathan Detroit), Sarah Brown, the Salvation Army lass (Margaret Streader) and Nathan's "doll", Adelaide (Barbara Hughes), who has waited 14 years for marriage.

Margaret has appeared in productions with the Williamstown Light Opera Company, and Les has been with Williamstown Little Theatre, most recently in "A Bunch of Rabbits."

The orchestra is being organised by Michael Downes. The Altona Council recently granted \$400 to the theatre to help finance the 12-piece professional group.

Choreography for the show has been under the direction of Kathy Lowe, who has worked on the Hollywood versions of "Bye Bye Birdie" and "The Pajama Game."

Songs in "Guys and Dolls" include "Luck Be a Lady", "A Bushel and a Peck", and "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat."

Director is Rex Callahan.

Tickets can be booked on 398 3033.



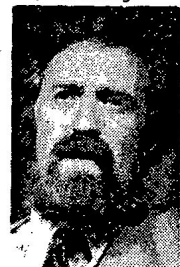
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World-wide temperance conference

The World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be holding its 27th triennial world convention in Sydney from April 28 to May 4.

This is the first time the convention has been held in the southern hemisphere.

Delegates from 60 countries, including Korea, Japan, England and America, will confer at the Sydney Town Hall.

A highlight of the conference will be the crowning of Miss Temperance Australia by the union's world president Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, of London.

The quest has been held in each state. Entrants wrote an essay, answered a questionnaire on the union's work and made a public speech on the topic. Re-thinking the problems of Alcohol and Other Drugs.

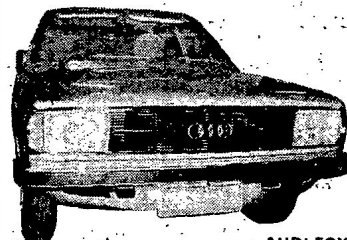
The final winner will receive a monetary prize, and a trip to Melbourne for the union's national convention next year.

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Hungarian flavor to table tennis

Although no matches are being conducted in the Werribee competition until April 25th, there is plenty happening in the table tennis world, with a visit by Hungarian world champions the main attraction.

The Victorian Association will soon be commencing training classes for coaches on our behalf; the Atlas Shield (Inter-association competition) dates have been set for this year; and suburban associations have been granted increased voting power at State meetings.

The national Hungarian Table Tennis team which boasts recent world singles and doubles championships will be in Melbourne on June 1st and 2nd.

They will be playing in an invitation tournament on Wednesday night (June 1st) and a test match against an Australian team followed by an exhibition on Thursday night June 2nd.

Both these events will

be conducted at the Albert Park Centre.

For more information and bookings phone the Centre on 26 4669 if you want to see some of the world's top players. Don't delay, phone now or you will miss out!

COACHING

The promised training classes for coaches will be commencing very soon.

These will be held at Albert Park on Friday nights over several weeks.

At the moment, there are eight Werribee players who have applied for the coaching classes. There is however room for a couple of extras especially from clubs who do not have a representative in this group. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED.

The cost of this course is minimal, and if car clubs can be arranged, transport will be no problem either.

For more information phone Dave Wylie this Thursday night on 749 1531.

At a recent meeting of suburban associations it was decided that all Associations affiliated with the Victorian Table Tennis Association will now have voting rights of one vote per 3 teams this year, one vote per 2 teams 1978, and 1 vote per team 1979.

This supercedes the present ruling of one vote for 5 teams.

This now gives the suburban and country associations much stronger voting power at State meetings and gives us a greater say in table tennis administration in Victoria.

However, the main topic discussed at this meeting was the Atlas Shield competition. This year it will be at Albert Park on Friday 12th, Sunday 14th, and Friday 19th of August.

Saturdays have been deleted this year to give players a break.

There will be four grades of competition with Werribee being the current holder of the "C" grade shield.

It is hoped that as well as defending our shield we could field more teams in other grades.

Future Atlas Shield competitions will be played on a quite different format. Plans are underway to zone the Associations into regions and play the initial matches at the venues of the participating associations.

Winners of each zone

will then play finals at Albert Park.

The idea of this new format is to encourage the social aspect of table tennis competition and also to exchange worthwhile ideas that have been introduced by individual associations.

Already the Western Suburbs Association have introduced an annual challenge match against Sunshine, and Werribee is to be included in this contest later this year.

This would give Werribee good promotion and publicity as well as giving the players the extra stimulus of playing for their Association and a chance to measure their ability against future Atlas Shield opponents.

The Western Suburbs winter season will be commencing early in May. There are still vacancies for teams or players.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Ray Blythman (Western Suburbs) on 391 1205.

Players representing the Werribee Association should phone Dave Wylie on 749 1531.

Lacrosse to Town

Williamstown beat a plucky Altona side in A-grade lacrosse by 20-8 in Saturday's opening round.

The sides were well matched in the first half, but Town ran away with the game in the second.

Best for Altona were G. McKinnon, D. Burke and M. Hillsberg. Goals for Altona: McKinnon 3, Hunter 2, Swaininger, De Kusel, Doerner. No details are available from Williamstown.

UNDER 16: Altona lost to Caulfield 4-20. Goals: Gerrard, Allen, Dole, Johnson. Best: Plant, McGuckian, Gerrard.

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Earlier in the season the club's Mavis Fuller won the coveted Nelson Medal.

WSFL results

1st Div. Cent. Altona 13.10 (88) Brooklyn 9.8 (62) Newport 19.17 (131) Laverton 8.8 (56) Werribee 17.20 (122) Sunshine Hgts. 8.12 (60) West Newport 22.21 (151) W'town C.Y.M.S. 11.10 (70) W'town United bye.

2nd Div. Hoppers Crossing 11.11 (77) Cent. Altona 9.14 (68) Fitzroy Rovers 12.21 (93) Williamstown United 6.6 (42) Newport 16.12 (120) Laverton 5.7 (37) West Newport 13.18 (96) Williamstown C.Y.M.S. 7.15 (57) Werribee walk over. Under-17s: Laverton 15.16 (106) Altona City 7.10 (52) Werribee 21.11 (137) West Newport 5.5 (35) Hoppers Crossing 34.19 (223) Sunshine Heights 3.4 (22) Williamstown United bye.

Under-15s: Cent. Altona 5.11 (41) Hoppers Crossing 1.6 (12) Altona City 9.9 (63) Williamstown United 9.3 (57) Laverton 15.21 (111) Braybrook C.Y.C. 3.4 (22) Werribee 12.6 (78) Sunshine Heights 3.5 (23) Williamstown 16.14 (110) Westport 7.2 (44).

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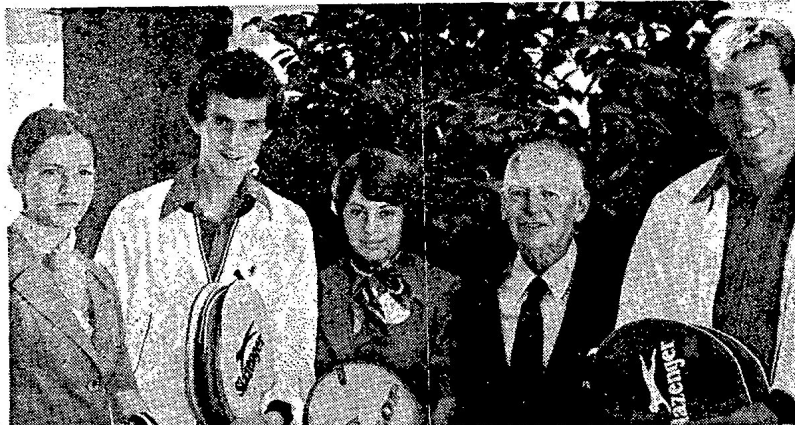
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● With racquets in hand, Victoria's school champions were pictured before leaving for Malaysia. They are, from left: Anne Minter 14, Greg Whitecross 15, Elizabeth Little 19, team chaperone Harry Shilton, and Paul Doherty 19.

Gulls down by 100 pts.

The Seagulls, premiers in the second VFA division last year, were no match on Sunday for first-division premiers Port Melbourne, who romped home by 100 points.

It was an embarrassing affair for the Gulls. Things looked reasonably even in the first quarter, and Daryl Dixon was the first to goal.

His major was in answer to the Burras' three points. However, Port's rovers really fired, and they replied with goals.

It was almost goal for goal, but Port was ahead 6.8 to 5.1 at the first change.

The second quarter was a massacre. The only Williamstown goal came from Mark Cross. The Burras kicked seven.

Three Gulls stood out in this quarter — Mick Mahoney, Mal Allen and Peter Gardner were all battling.

Frank Porcivina, one of Williamstown's best last week, was losing out to the very damaging Holt.

In the third, Mick Mahoney hoed in and booted a much-needed goal.

It took Port 15 minutes to send their first one through, but at the end of

the period they had added another five, along with 11 points.

The Gulls kicked 1.7. Williamstown looked a little stronger in the final term, and they managed to kick four goals.

The Burras added six. If Port had aimed a little more accurately — they recorded 32 behinds — the Gulls may not have faced going home to Town at all.

FINAL SCORE. Port Melbourne 25-32 (182), Williamstown 11-16 (82).

BEST: Mahoney, Gardner, Allen, Peter Kerr, Mark Cross, David Marshall.

GOALS: Greg Boxall, Cross, Mahoney, Mike Brown 2, Dixon, Gardner, Brian Edwards.

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SECONDS: Port Melbourne 21-22 (148) d. Williamstown 14-11 (95). Best: Peter Hickman, Tony McVeigh, Gary Richards, Steve Tarr, Andy Donnelly. Goals: Richards 5, John Nash 4, Rochdale, Burgess 2, Mick Foote, Laurie Taylor, McVeigh.

THIRDS: Williamstown 14-20 (104) d. Port Melbourne 9-16 (70). Best: David Truman, Bill Newman, Kelvin Lavelle, Bill Mitchell, Craig Eldridge, Shane Smith, Tony Walsh. Goals: Peter Marnell, Lavelle, Mitchell 3, Walsh, Wayne Stevens 2, Brendan Murphy.

Koorungal associate matches

Results of the par competition played by associates of the Koorungal Golf Club last week were:

A-grade: F. Roger (15); B-grade: Fay Clarke (22); C-grade: A. Dann (32).

West win 2

West Newport first division kicked 22.21 to beat Williamstown CYMS at the weekend.

Final scores were West 22.21 (153) to CYMS 11.10 (76).

West added 9.7 in the last quarter, and showed the fitness now in the club.

Best: Durham, Johnston, Leighton. Goals: Leighton 8, Saunders 4, Orr 3, Carrington 2, Vainstone 2, Cavanah, Jones, Menzies.

SECOND DIVISION: West Newport 15.13 (103) d. Williamstown CYMS

7.13 (55). Best: Bosman, Davey, S. Garlick, Griffiths, Hyland, Mayes. Goals: Bosman 3, Civiterale, Davey, Hyland, Mayes, Nowell 2, Broughton, L. Garlick.

UNDER 17: West Newport, doubtful of fielding a team until Tuesday, and without any practice matches, met a well-oiled machine called Werribee.

Werribee won the game 21.11 (137) to 5.5 (35).

BEST: Caulfield, Cutajar, David, Hyland, Parker, Pederson. Goals: Hyland 2, Anderson, Kurzem, Styliano.

Some boys want to be tinkers, some tailors, and some want to be tennis stars like Greg Whitecross.

Greg, 15, is setting his sights on a future in professional tennis. He played his first international games over Easter.

He is the son of Don and Betty Whitecross, of James Avenue, Altona, and is in fifth form at St. Paul's College — which doesn't have tennis on its sports curriculum.

Greg, who has been coached in tennis since he turned nine, is Victoria's under-16 school tennis champion.

Greg and three other schools champions were sent by the Victorian Lawn Tennis Association to play in Malaysia over Easter.

His team mates were Paul Doherty 19, of Geelong, Elizabeth Little 19, of East Bentleigh, and Anne Minter 13, of Blackburn.

In the Malaysian open tennis championships in Kuala Lumpur, Greg and Paul, playing in the men's doubles, finished runners-up to Indonesian Davis Cup pair Gondo Widjojo and Justedjo Tyrak. They lost 6-3, 6-1.

Greg is Australia's under-16 doubles champion, and has been runner-up in his age group for the past two years to Michael Fancutt, playing in the Australian open titles.

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Vikings show promise

The Altona Vikings, now in the FDL after dominating the Western Suburbs League for many years, learnt a lesson from their 5-goal defeat by Albion on Saturday.

What they learnt is that, marked well in the second team better and kick further than the WSFL teams.

Albion, FDL runners-up last year, also got the message that in Altona they will have worthy rivals in the future.

The game started at a fast pace, and with Pixie Walgers stirring at half-forward, Altona jumped to an early lead. Four goals to two in the first quarter looked good.

However, the game changed in the second term as Albion's bigger rucks took over. They kicked 4-4 to Altona's two behinds for a 15-point lead at half-time.

Altona lost vice-captain David Chalmers with a knee injury, and the lack of big men was even more evident in the third term.

Only inaccurate kicking prevented Albion having a huge lead at the final change. They kicked 4-9 for the quarter, while Altona managed two goals.

In the final term when it looked like the talented visitors would take the game right away from Altona, the home side fought back and outscored them.

It was a credit to the Vikings that they never gave in. Captain Danny Brennan led his team well, and was supported by Henry Zappart, who

With the addition of one or two taller players, and few games to adapt themselves to the different style of play, the Vikings will no doubt do well. Next week's game is at Deer Park.

Scores: Altona City: 4-4, 6-6, 9-13 (67). Albion: 2-5, 6-9, 10-18, 13-21 (99).

Goals: D. Hobbs 4, Walgers 3, J. Bebed, W. Jones.

Best: Walgers, Brennan, Hobbs, Bebed, Zappart, Jones.

Reserves: Altona City 7-10 (52) Albion, 7-9 (51).

Goals: Groome, Hogan, A. Wilson 2 each, S. Granger.

Best: G. Hardham, R. Walsh, W. Groom, W. Gilpen, M. Howard, S. Chatfield.

Under 17: Altona City: 7-10 (52) Laverton 15-16 (106).

Best: P. Heyen, P. Stephens, N. Condon, S. Magennis, D. Wise.

Goals: M. McCullagh, S. Kimpton 2, Magennis, Stephens, Wise.

Under 15: Altona City: 9-9 (63) Williamstown United 9-3 (57).

Best: T. Knell, G. Burnett, G. Rocco, B. Scholes, W. Muschelli.

Goals: W. Smith 3, W. Muschelli, B. Scholes 2, S. Hynes, M. Cooper.

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